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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—27) Pages S1026, S1027, S1032, S1032–33

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 8:13 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1085.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the strategy in Afghanistan, focusing on reports by the Afghanistan Study Group and the Atlantic Council of the United States, after receiving testimony from James J. Shinn, Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, USMC, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), Atlantic Council of the United States, and Karl F. Inderfurth, George Washington University, both of Washington, D.C.

CURRENT U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of the United States economy and financial matters, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care and the federal budget, focusing on information technology and health care reform, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management, Information Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office; Laura L. Adams, Rhode Island Quality Institute, Providence; and Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, Washington, D.C.

USDA FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's pro-

posed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDA), after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, and Abigail Kimbell, Chief, USDA Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

MARINE VESSEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1499, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels, after receiving testimony from Bryan Wood-Thomas, Associate Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Barry R. Wallerstein, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California; Lisa P. Jackson, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; Jennifer J. Mouton, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Assessment Division, Baton Rouge; John G. Miller, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), San Pedro, California; Richard Kassel, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), New York, New York; Joe Accardo, Jr., Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL), and Joel T. Chaisson, Port of South Louisiana, both of LaPlace; Ken Wells, Offshore Marine Service Association, Harahan, Louisiana; and Jonah Ramirez, San Bernardino, California.

INTERNATIONAL CARBON CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international aspects of a carbon cap and trade program, focusing on experiences and implications for a United States cap-and-trade program, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Jennifer Haverkamp, Environmental Defense Fund, and Kjell Olav Kristiansen, Point Carbon, both of Washington, D.C.; Abraham F. Breehey, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers (AFL–CIO), Fairfax, Virginia; and Ruksana Mirza, Holcim (US), Inc., Waltham, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine ways to build and strengthen the Federal acquisition workforce, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Denett, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Frank J. Anderson, Jr., President, Defense Acquisition University,

Office of the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense; and Karen A. Pica, Director, Federal Acquisition Institute, General Services Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year

2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DNI AUTHORITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authorities given to the Director of National Intelligence and personnel issues, after receiving testimony from J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 5437–5473; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 297–299; and H. Res. 986–988, 990–992 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 989, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–528).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Richard W. O'Keeffe, Immaculate Conception Church, Yuma, Arizona.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 25, 2008.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 2 yeas to 390 nays, Roll No. 58.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 2 yeas to 400 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Providing for the adoption of H. Res. 979 and for the adoption of H. Res. 980: The House agreed to H. Res. 982, providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 979) recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary and for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res.

980) authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas, by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 32 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 60, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 979 and H. Res. 980 are adopted.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, February 13th:

Honoring African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness:

H. Res. 966, to honor African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 61;

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National Ocean Exploration Program Act: H.R. 1834, amended, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 352 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 62;

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the text of H.R. 1834, as proposed to be adopted under suspension of the rules, be modified by an amendment placed at the desk.

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Making technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 63—clearing the measure for the President;

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